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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/506,579

Applicant(s)

STURZEBECKER ET AL.

Examiner

Paul A. Zucker

Art Unit

1621

Period for Reply -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/17/2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 34-38 are is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 28, 29 and 40 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 21-40 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Current Status

1. This action is responsive to Applicants' amendment of 17 November 2008.
2. Receipt and entry of Applicants' amendment is acknowledged.
3. Applicant's cancellation of claims 1-20 is acknowledged.
4. Claims 21-40 are pending.
5. The rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, set forth in paragraph 3 of the previous Office Action mailed 17 July 2008 is withdrawn in response to Applicants' amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 21 and 34-38 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stürzebecher et al (DE 10029014-A1 12-2001). Stürzebecher discloses (Paragraph 0025) the compound benzensulfonyl-D SerGly-amidinobenzylamide, as the hydrochloride salt. This corresponds to a compound of the invention in which R₄ is C₁ alkyl. Stürzebecher discloses (Paragraphs [0020] and [0025]) the sequential coupling of the amino acids to 4-actyloxamidinobenzylamine. Stürzebecher discloses (Paragraph [0026]) buffered pharmaceutical solutions of the compound.

Examiner's Response to Applicants' Remarks With Regard to This Rejection

7. Applicants' sole argument is that the compound benzensulfonyl-D SerGly-amidinobenzylamide that Stürzebecher discloses does not have the required charged group in R₁, R₂, R₃, or R₅. The Examiner, however, notes that the compound of Stürzebecher contains a hydroxymethyl group (derivable from a COOH group) on the serine residue that can be protonated and thus assume a positive charge. That the serine hydroxymethyl group satisfies the limitation argued by Applicants is underscored by the fact that a hydroxymethyl group is the only possible group satisfying the requirement for the third listed compound in (now withdrawn) claim 32. Applicants have therefore clearly contemplated that a hydroxymethyl group satisfies the limitation argued by Applicants.

Applicant's arguments filed 17 November 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive for the reasons set forth above.

8. The rejection under 35 USC § 102 set forth in paragraph 5 of the previous Office Action mailed 17 July 2008 is withdrawn in response to Applicants' remarks

Claim Objections

9. Claims 28, 29 and 40 are finally objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

10. Claims 21-40 are pending. Claims 21 and 34-38 are finally rejected. Claim 28, 29 and 40 are finally objected to. Claims 22-27, 30-33 and 39 are held finally withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul A. Zucker whose telephone number is 571-272-0650. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 5:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Sullivan can be reached on 571-272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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